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Ms Marlene H Dortch Secretary of the Federal Communications Commission Washington, D C 20554

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Re Ex Parte Submission
Channel 16 in the New York Metropolitan area
Docket MB 03-159
Docket ET 03-158

Dear Ms Dortch

Today, Chief John Gilmartin, Commanding Officer, Office of Technology and Systems Development, Police Department of the City of New York, and I met with the Honorable Kathleen Q Abernathy and Jennifer Manner, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy concerning the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the above dockets

During the meeting, we stressed the importance of channel 16 to public safety communications in the New York Metropolitan area. We related that additional investment in public safety communications in the region awaits the Commission's decision on the proposal to provide permanent authority for public safety agencies to operate on channel 16 We urged the Commission to take prompt and positive action committing channel 16 in the New York Metropolitan area permanently to public safety communications

Respectfully,

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The Honorable Kathleen Q Abernathy

Ms Jennifer Manner, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy

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